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SOCIETY NOMAD DIES IN HOSPITAL

Jessie Habersham Michele Had Romantic Career

Ran Away With Gypsy Band And Made Debut In Baltimore Society, But Preferred Life Of Freedom--Marries King Of Tribe And Is Hailed As Queen--Parents Unable To Locate Her For Five Years--End Comes In Cincinnati Following Birth Of Baby Girl

Baltimore, Nov. 14.—According to dispatches received here, Mrs. Jessie Habersham Michele, daughter of a well-known broker of this city, who six years ago ran away from a social career for the free life of a gypsy, died at Seton hospital in Cincinnati.

Miss Jessie Habersham became the wife of John Michele, a gypsy king and herself became the queen of the band. She died in Cincinnati after giving birth to a girl baby.

Miss Habersham was the great-granddaughter of Francis Scott Key, the composer of the "Star Spangled Banner." She had made her debut, but after one year in the social life she felt the call of romany freedom and quietly disappeared. It was not until five years later that her family learned that she had joined the gypsy band and became its queen. She wrote a number of romantic letters to her father, but for several months no information was received from her until the news came of her death.

SAYS SHE WAS STOLEN

Deathbed Story Does Not Agree With History of Case.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 14.—Mrs. Jessie Michele, daughter of A. H. Habersham, a canning broker of Baltimore, Md., who died at Seton hospital a few hours after giving birth to a baby girl, told a story stranger than fiction and almost as unbelievable. According to the girl's statement she was stolen from her home in Baltimore five years ago by a band of gypsies, sold to one of the tribe for \$900 and then, under hypnosis influence, compelled to be the slave and wife of the king of the gypsies. The long search for the past five years in every niche and corner of the United States, it is said, has ruined the girl's father's health so that the sister superior, who notified him of his daughter's death by telegram, received a telegram stating that he was too sick to come to Cincinnati at the present time to prosecute the abductors. The shock of the girl's abduction, it was further said, was too great for her mother, who died several months afterward.

Traces of Beauty Left.

Miss Habersham was 25 years old. Her large brown eyes and perfect features showed that she had been very pretty, but her years of suffering had emaciated her face. She said that she had been enticed away from home by an old gypsy woman who belonged to a tribe that was staying near the Habersham home. She was

JOY RIDE IS FATAL TO CHILlicothe PEOPLE

Chillicothe, O. Nov. 14.—One man is dead, another is likely to die, and two others suffered broken limbs as the result of an all-night joy ride, as seven men in an automobile were returning to their homes.

Near Massillon the car skidded, struck a rut and was completely overturned. Samuel Frad, a saloonist, was instantly killed, the machine falling on his neck and breaking it. Drew Robinson is unconscious from his injuries, and it is not believed that he can recover. Jesse Frad, the

QUEEN OF GYPSIES

Dies in Cincinnati Hospital After a Romantic Career.



then sold by this woman to her nephew for \$900, and compelled by him to work hard and to endure more than the hardships of the ordinary gypsies.

According to the story told by the young woman shortly before her death, some strange influence held her with the gypsies and, although she made several attempts to escape, all were fruitless. It was two years before she even had a chance to write to her father, and then the tribe heard of her doing so and quietly moved away before the police authorities could reach her. The father spent a small fortune in hiring detectives and in newspaper advertisements.

American Missions Destroyed. Canton, China, Nov. 14.—Refugees arriving here by boat from the province of Kwang-Si report that practically all the American missions had been destroyed in a revolt against foreigners which is raging there. The American Presbyterian church, the hospital and the American college were burned. Three battalions of troops have been sent from here to quell the disturbances.

Springfield Has Increase.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The population of Springfield, O., is 46,921, an increase of 8,668, or 22.7 per cent compared with 38,253 in 1900. The population of Huntington, W. Va., is 31,161, an increase of 19,238, or 161.4 per cent over 11,923 in 1900.

Niece of J. Pierpont Morgan Advanced In Court Circles



Another American girl takes a front seat in the court circles of the English court. The advancement of Lord Lewis Harcourt to secretary of state for the colonies brings him prominently into the political circles of England. His wife, who was Miss Burns of New York city, a niece of J. Pierpont Morgan, is one of the most popular American women in London. Lord and Lady Harcourt have been married eleven years, and friends of the couple credit Lady Harcourt with much of the success of her husband.

COUNT TOLSTOY LOCATED IN RUSSIAN CONVENT

St. Petersburg, Nov. 14.—It is stated that Count Tolstoy's daughter Alexandra and a typewriter followed the count to the convent of Koselsk, where he was located, and where the count's favorite sister has long been a nun. His flight, despite its suddenness, was probably long contemplated. It is well known that since he made over his property to his wife five years ago there have been constant disagreements with his family owing to their more worldly views of life and the management of the estate. The count was intensely grieved because of his inability to persuade them to place the property

on the estate in equally comfortable circumstances as themselves. There was, however, no suggestion of a quarrel. Count Tolstoy was simply unable to longer endure the comfortable surroundings of his family and home and embraced an ascetic regime.

Tap Postoffice Safe.

Waukegan, O., Nov. 14.—Yeggs dynamited the safe of the postoffice at Payette, 17 miles north of here, looted it of stamps to the value of \$700 and made a clean getaway. Their visit was not suspected until the robbery was discovered when the postoffice was opened.

ARRIVES AT COLON

Taft Warmly Greeted When He Steps Ashore at Isthmus.

Colon, Nov. 14.—The two American warships bearing President Taft and his party arrived here today on their tour of inspection of the Panama canal. The members of the canal commission and Panamanian officials were on hand to greet the president. The canal force is fearful lest the visit and that of Representative Tawney's party to follow, result in a decided curtailment of the high-salaried force, pursuant to a policy of retrenchment as the canal nears completion.

THE VOTE QUITE SHORT

Columbus, O., Nov. 14.—One qualified elector in every five refused to exercise the right of franchise in Ohio on election day and stayed away from the polls. The total vote was 300,000 short. In 1908 the total vote cast in Ohio was approximately 1,100,000. This year it was about 800,000.

Marconi Breaks Record.

Rome, Nov. 14.—Marconi achieved a record for the transmission of wireless telegraph messages at the new station at Caltano, near Pisa, receiving direct messages from Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, and Massowah, on the Red sea. The king and members of a government commission witnessed the demonstration.

TO OPEN SIBERIAN MINES

John Hays Hammond Gets Job In Czar's Empire.

Gloucester, Mass., Nov. 14.—John Hays Hammond, friend of President Taft and millionaire mining engineer, is going to Siberia to develop the mines of the czar. Mr. Hammond admitted that he was going when he was seen by a reporter.

"I shall go to Siberia," said Mr. Hammond, "solely in the interest of American capital. I may go at the end of the month, but I hope not to have to go before next spring. I am going to give American people the opportunity of investing their money in Siberian mining enterprises. I shall be on the lookout for gold and copper mining properties. I hope to develop these to a large extent. This will mean the development of mines for where there are mines there must be mining machinery."

BEATS PINCHOT TO PUBLIC EAR

Ballinger Gives Out His Report Prematurely.

EXPECTED TO BE ATTACKED

Secretary of Interior and Former Forester Again Break Into Print Over Settlement of Cunningham Claims. Cabinet Officer Says He Has Recommended That Matter Be Taken Direct to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester, has not given up the fight. The row between himself and Secretary R. A. Ballinger which resulted in Pinchot's retirement from the public service at the direction of President Taft is not over yet, so far as Mr. Pinchot is concerned. Mr. Pinchot and his brother, Amos Pinchot, made public here an appeal to President Taft which seeks to reopen, or rather to keep open, the case of the disposition of the Cunningham claims for coal lands in Alaska. The Pinchots declare that there is reason to believe that the decision of the interior department will be in favor of patenting the lands in question to the Cunningham claimants "and adverse to the interests of the people of the United States."

It seemed apparent that Secretary Ballinger knew what was coming from Mr. Pinchot and got in a little ahead of him by making public an extract from his forthcoming annual report, stating that he would recommend that the Cunningham cases be transferred from the jurisdiction of the general land office to that of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia for adjudication. A statement of the secretary made it plain that for some time past the Cunningham claims have been in the hands of the president.

It is the understanding here that in the future Secretary Ballinger will strike back whenever a rock is aimed at him by Mr. Pinchot and associate critics. Ballinger, it seems, was looking for a criticism of his supposed course in the handling of the Cunningham claims. He beat Pinchot to the newspapers with a statement of his side of the case by 24 hours.

WATCH SWAMP IN VAIN

Bold Highwaymen Elude Officers and Possess Citizens.

Winston, Conn., Nov. 14.—The cordon of officers and citizens about the 200-acre swamp in southern Berkshire county into which the band of masked robbers plunged after forcing at the point of guns Paymaster Hines and Superintendent Robinson of the Worono Construction company and their guard, Deputy Sheriff Truesdell of Great Barrington, to give up two grips containing about \$7,000 in money and about \$5,000 in checks, has not found a single trace of the brigands, who it is now generally believed were not foreigners, who had been engaged with 600 men in trolley construction work between Great Barrington and Canaan, but men disguised as hunters or laborers. The belief is growing that the highwaymen and their booty were spirited away in an automobile down through Sheffield, thence to Salisbury and the Harlem valley in New York.

BODY OF MISSING GIRL DISCOVERED

Head Split Open and Evidence Of Mistreatment

Asbury Park, N. J., Nov. 14.—The body of Marie Smith, the 10-year-old schoolgirl who disappeared after leaving the Bradley schoolhouse in Asbury Park, which she attended, was found by W. S. Bensen in the woods of Wanamassa, about 250 feet from the main road. The body was lying in a pool of blood. There was a deep gash on the top of her head, evidently inflicted by an ax. Coroner Purdy was notified. He ordered an autopsy and at once impounded the body. The autopsy revealed that the body had been maltreated after death. There was great excitement in Asbury Park and a crowd assembled at the undertaking establishment where the body was removed. Suspicion rests upon a colored man who disappeared two days ago, and for whom the police are searching.

PROBES DEATH OF COLLEGE

Wheeling Coroner Holds Bethany Player For Murder

Blow On Neck Proves Fatal--Football Contest Said To Have Been Slugging Match From Start To Finish-- Referee Accuses Left End McCoy Of Visiting Foot- ball Team Of Intentionally Striking Down Left Half- back Monk Of The University Of West Virginia

Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 14.—Coroner Rogers issued a warrant for Thomas McCoy, alias Gardner, left end of the Bethany college football team, who is charged with the willful murder of left halfback Rudolph Munk of the West Virginia university team. The warrant was issued because of the sworn statement made to Coroner Rogers by Homer N. Young of Pittsburgh, a former Michigan university player, who was the official referee of the game. His statement is:

"Rudolph Munk was running down the field in advance of the man with the ball, West Virginia having the ball about 30 yards from Bethany's goal. He was not close to the ball on this play. He was met by a man said to be Gardner, as his name was given to me by Townsend, the coach for the Bethany team. On this particular play this man Gardner ran towards Munk, while both were running down the field. About the time they got 10 yards beyond the scrimmage line Gardner, from behind Munk, to the best of my recollection, struck Munk on the back of Munk's head with his (Gardner's) fist."

Believes Blow Intentional. "Munk fell and Gardner kind of fell over him. Gardner got on his feet, for an instant gazed at Munk, and started to walk off the field. For this foul I put him out of the game. He made no reply and no protest whatever. Munk was unconscious. Evidently, to me, the blow which felled Munk was intentional."

The evidence of Referee Young is part of the inquiry that is being held by Coroner Rogers. This evening the taking of testimony will be completed. At that time McCoy and

other members of the Bethany team will be examined by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Maury.

McCoy is the real name of the player charged with striking Munk, but in this game he was playing under the name of Gardner. After he had been ordered from the field he passed the bleachers, where several hundred West Virginia rooters were standing. Cries of "dirty player" and "tough" came from the crowd, and McCoy said, "Well, he was slugging me all through the game."

An autopsy revealed the cause of Munk's death. It was a blood clot on the brain, due to a blow on the head.

A TOWN IS INJURED

Canal Dover, O., Nov. 14.—Garver Brothers, owners of one of the largest general stores in central Ohio, have offered a reward of \$500 for the apprehension of persons circulating a false story that the village of Strasburg had two cases of leprosy. The report is said to have had a serious depressing effect upon business.

To Discuss Liquor Problem.

Westerville, O., Nov. 14.—Twenty-three states are represented at the three days' conference of the Anti-Saloon league, which opens here tonight, and continues three days. Local option interests of the entire west are to be considered, according to Wayne B. Wheeler.

TRAIN HITS STREETCAR

Six Dead and Many Injured in Kalamazoo Collision.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Nov. 14.—Six persons are dead, it is now learned, and 20 injured, four of whom it is thought will die, as the result of a streetcar on the Kalamazoo city lines of the Michigan United Railways company being run down by a fast westbound express train on the Michigan Central railroad. All of the dead and injured were passengers on the streetcar.

The Carolinas.

The Carolinas were not named after Queen Caroline, but after Charles II., the Latin of Charles being Carolus, hence Carolinas.

POMERENE A CANDIDATE

Columbus, O., Nov. 14.—Atlee Pomerene of Canton, lieutenant governor elect, today announced his candidacy for the United States senatorship to succeed Charles Dick of Akron, by sending out from his home in Canton a letter to each Democratic legislator-elect announcing his candidacy and asking what he thinks of it.

SENATOR CLAY IS DEAD AT HOME IN ATLANTA

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 14.—United States Senator Alexander Stephen Clay died at Atlanta sanitarium, to which he was taken 10 days ago for special treatment.

Senator Clay had been desperately ill for a long time, but death was not expected so suddenly. Dilatation of the heart is given as the cause of death, but it is generally understood Senator Clay was afflicted with cancer of the stomach. He will be buried at Marietta.

Senator Clay was in his fifty-sev-

enth year, and had been in the United States senate since 1896. Ex-Governor Joseph M. Terrell or Editor S. R. Pendleton of the Macon Telegraph will probably be named to fill Clay's seat until the legislature meets next June.

Young Man a Suicide.

Newark, O., Nov. 14.—Harley Hoffman committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. He was 60 years old and lived in East Newark.